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Inclusion of the Sholinghur District Munsif's Court, under the appellate jurisdiction of the District Court, North Arcot.

* 463 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Sholinghur Munsif's Court was recently included in Chittoor District Court's jurisdiction;

(*b*) whether the revenue and criminal work of the area over which that court has jurisdiction is still within the jurisdiction of the North Arcot Collector and District Magistrate; and

(*c*) whether there is a proposal to include the Sholinghur Munsif's Court within the jurisdiction of the North Arcot District Court?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) A portion of the area is within the jurisdiction of the Collector and District Magistrate of North Arcot.

(*c*) No.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether there is any parallel to this case where a certain territory is included for revenue purposes under one district and for judicial purposes under another district?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Notice."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I know whether it is not the policy of the Government to proceed on linguistic lines as far as possible?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The determination of the jurisdiction of Munsifs' Courts is primarily the duty of the High Court."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"Do the Government not think that it is an anomaly and that it should be remedied?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The Government do not think so."

Suits and appeals arising from the territorial jurisdiction of the Sholinghur District Munsif filed in the Court at Chittoor.

* 464 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that suits and appeals arising in North Arcot within the jurisdiction of the Sholinghur munsif are being filed in the Court at Chittoor;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to state how many such suits and appeals have been filed in the Chittoor courts after the opening of the Sub-Court and District Court at Vellore; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to state the reason why such an arrangement by which suits and appeals of one district are tried in another district is followed?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have called for the information.